

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/608,564

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment of 9/21/04 and the tele. int. of 12/13/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 June 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/376,284.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/13/04.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Douglas S. Johnson on December 13, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the title:

deleted "SUPPORTED" and deleted the last occurrence of "BEAM"

In the abstract:

line 1, inserted --line-- following "ridge"

line 2, deleted "correspondingly sloping"

line 5, inserted --thereof,-- following "side" and inserted a comma following the last occurrence of "beam"

line 6, changed "panel" to --panels--

line 8, changed "inwardly projecting interlock" to --interlocking--

line 9, deleted "as they are slid up into place"

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In the claims:

claim 1,

line 1, deleted "assembled from prefabricated"

line 2, deleted "plastic components" and inserted --each-- following the last recitations of "walls"

line 3, changed "each side wall" to --said side walls-- and inserted --line-- following "ridge"

changed line 5 to --a top and bottom, said end walls supporting ends of said beam which spans between said end walls--

line 6, inserted --is-- following the first occurrence of "and" and inserted --line-- following "ridge"

line 7, inserted --a pair of-- following "having"

line 8, changed the first occurrence of "of" to --from--

line 9, inserted --line-- following "ridge" and changed the last occurrence of "of" to --from--

line 10, changed "the other" to --an opposite--, inserted --line-- following "ridge" and inserted --side-- following "sleeve"

line 11, changed "an integral" to --a-- and inserted --entirely-- following "located"

line 12, inserted --said sleeve side walls and said roof support shelves forming a single unitary element,-- following "beam," and changed "side wall" to --respective one of said shed side walls--

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line 14, deleted "slope", inserted --a respective one of-- following "with", changed "projecting" to --extending-- and changed "shelf at the" to --shelves--

line 15, deleted "adjacent side of said sleeve" and inserted --respective one-- following "each"

line 16, changed "which slope" to --and sloping--, changed "each side wall" to --a respective one of said shed side walls-- and inserted --line-- following "ridge"

line 17, deleted "inwardly"

line 18, inserted --line-- following "ridge"

line 20, inserted --line-- following "ridge" and deleted the comma following "mounted"

line 21, inserted --thereof-- following "ends"

line 22, deleted "slope aligned", changed "supporting" to --support-- and changed "sidewall" to --side wall--

line 23, inserted --line-- following "ridge"

claim 2,

line 1, inserted --shed-- following "said"

claim 3,

line 2, deleted "assembled from prefabricated components which are"

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claim 4,

line 1, changed "assembled from prefabricated components" to --comprising--

line 2, deleted "mounted on" and deleted "said shed comprising"

line 4, changed "the" to --a--

line 5, deleted "outer sides of"

line 6, changed "rectangle" to --rectangular formation--

line 7, changed "means" to --elements--

line 8, deleted "respectively"

line 9, inserted --each-- following "walls" and changed "each side wall" to --said

side walls--

line 10, inserted --line-- following "ridge"

line 11, changed "rears" to --rear--

line 12, changed "ridges of said front and rear walls" to --ridge line--

line 14, inserted --a pair of-- following "and"

line 16, inserted --line-- following "ridge" and changed the last occurrence of "the other" to --an opposite--

line 17, inserted --line-- following "ridge", inserted --entirely-- following "spaced" and changed "an" to --a--

line 18, deleted "integral"

line 20, inserted --line-- following "ridge" and inserted --said sleeve side walls and said roof support shelves forming a single unitary element-- following "extends,"

line 21, inserted --respective one-- following the first occurrence of "each"

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line 24, deleted "and aligned with", changed "the sleeve shelf at the adjacent" to
--and aligned with a respective one of said roof support shelves--

line 25, deleted "sleeve side" and inserted --respective one-- following "each"

line 26, deleted "inwardly"

line 28, inserted --line-- following "ridge"

line 29, inserted --line-- following "ridge"

line 30, inserted --thereof-- following "ends"

line 31, deleted "aligned" and inserted --the-- following "and"

line 32, inserted --line-- following "ridge"

claim 5,

line 2, inserted --vertical-- following "each"

line 3, inserted --of each wall-- following "panels"

line 4, changed "adjoining panels" to --an adjoining pair of said panels in said

wall--

claim 6,

line 1, inserted --each-- following "which"

line 2, changed "caps have" to --has-- and inserted --said respective one of--
following "embracing"

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claim 7,

line 1, inserted --each of-- following "which" .

changed line 2 to --end wall cap has depending flanges embracing said
respective upwardly sloping portion of said front and rear walls.--

deleted line 3

claim 8,

line 1, inserted --each of-- following "which"

line 2, changed "comprise" to --comprises-- and changed "at each end thereof" to
--, said panels of each roof assembly being--

line 4, changed "adjoining panels" to --an adjoining pair of said panels in said roof
assembly--

claim 9,

line 1, inserted --said front wall includes-- following "which"

changed line 2 to --frame--

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record, absent applicant's own disclosure, fails to teach the entire combination of elements set forth in the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art of record fails to teach a rectangular plastic shed wherein the sleeve side walls having a downwardly

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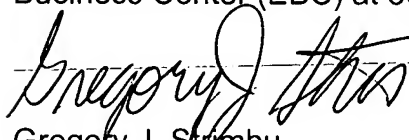
sloping roof support shelf located entirely below the top of the beam and the sleeve slide walls and the roof support shelves form a single unitary element. See lines 11-12 of claim 1 and lines 17-18 and 20 of claim 4.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Strimbu whose telephone number is 703-305-3979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 703-308-2486. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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